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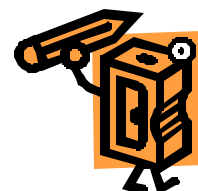
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Just the FAQs

This information pertains to the “new” GED test that will be given starting on January 14, 2002. The answers are based on the information currently in hand and are subject to change. Updated FAQs are available at Nevada’s literacy Web site, www.literacynet.org/nevada. These answers apply only to the State of Nevada and may vary for other states. Please check with your test site to be sure you have the latest and most accurate information.

1. What does GED stand for?
General Educational Development.
2. What areas does the GED test cover?
Language Arts (Writing Parts I and II and Reading), Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics.
3.  How much does it cost to take the test?
Currently the fee is \$50.00 for the entire battery of tests. Most test sites require advance reservations and registration. The fee is payable at the time of registration and is **non-refundable** (without a valid written medical explanation from a health-care professional).
4. Do I have to take the entire test over if I miss one part?
You only have to retake the parts of the test below the required minimum score of 410 points. Also, if you score below 1.5 on the essay, you must take the entire writing test over.
5. How many times can I take the tests?
Retakes may be taken within a calendar year, as many times as there are versions of the test. At present there are three versions of the test. If you have tested with all versions, you may retake the same versions in the next calendar year.
6. How is the test scored?
Each part of the test is scored separately. A minimum passing standard of 410 on EACH of the five tests in the battery AND an average battery score of 450 is required to pass the 2002 GED test.



7. How many questions and how much time is allowed per section?

Test	Content	No. of Items	Time Limit
Language Arts Writing Part I	Organization 15% Sentence Structure 30% Usage 30% Mechanics 25%	50	120 minutes (45 minutes of this time is allowed for the essay.)
Language Arts Writing Part II	Essay	1	
Social Studies	U.S. History 25% World History 15% Civics and Government 25% Geography 15% Economics 20%	50	70 minutes
Science	Life Science 45% Earth and Space Science 20% Physical Science 35%	50	80 minutes
Language Arts Reading	Nonfiction Texts 25% Literary Texts 75% <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prose Fiction▪ Poetry▪ Drama	40	65 minutes
 Mathematics	Number Operations and Number Sense 25% Measurement and Geometry 25% Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability 25% Algebra 25%	Part I 25 with calculator	45 minutes
		Part II 25 no calculator	45 minutes
Totals:		Questions: 240 + essay	Time: 7 hours, 5 minutes

8. Where is the test given?

Various places throughout Nevada. You may take it at any site convenient to you. Some versions of the test may not be offered at every site. Some test sites may have more versions of the test and/or accommodations than others.

9. How often is the test offered?



Testing sites can administer only one test at a time. You **MUST** finish the entire battery of tests within a six-week period or retake the entire test at another time and forfeit one of your retake opportunities. Check with the test site of your choice for scheduling information.

10. What do I need to qualify for the test?

If you are 18 years of age or older, you need two forms of identification, one of which must be an official picture i.d. (a driver's license is perfect). A seventeen-year-old needs to show proof of withdrawal from high school and approval by a parent or guardian. A sixteen-year-old must obtain permission from a parent/guardian and from the school district in which he or she presently resides.

11. Is it possible to take the test in Spanish?
Yes. There are actually seven different versions of the test. Only the English version of the new test is offered at present. The pre-2002 Spanish versions of the test may be offered at some sites in Nevada.
12. If I take the test in Spanish will that be indicated on my GED certificate? No.
13. Are there other versions of the test available?
Yes, there are seven versions of the GED test (English, Spanish, French, Canadian, audio, large print, and Braille). Not all sites will have all the versions. You will need special permission to take the test in audio, large print, or Braille, so make those arrangements well in advance of testing.
14. Do I need a Social Security Number to take the test? No.
15. May I take the GED test if I am not a U.S. Citizen?
Yes. Non-citizens, including refugees, legal and illegal immigrants, resident and nonresident aliens, and other foreign nationals are eligible to take the GED Tests if they meet all of the requirements of the Commission and the state, province, or territory, including requirements on age and withdrawal from school.
16. May I take the GED test if I have a high school diploma from another country?
Yes. Persons whose high school diploma is from an unaccredited high school are eligible to take the GED Tests if they meet all other requirements of the Commission and state, province, or territory. Persons who earn diplomas in countries that do not participate in the GED testing program are likewise eligible to take the GED Tests if they meet all other requirements.
17. How do I prepare for the test?
Many Nevada community college and literacy agencies offer GED preparation classes. If you prefer to study on your own, books are available at bookstores and your local library. Practice tests and other resources are available on the Internet. Public television stations (PBS) also offer GED classes on television, although many of these are given in early morning hours and you may wish to tape them for viewing at your convenience.
18. Approximately how many adults take the GED test (in the US and Canada) every year?
More than 860,000 adults took at least one of the five tests in 2000.
19. How many Nevadans passed the GED test in 2000? 4,121.
20. What is the primary reason for adults to take the GED test?
Two-thirds of the test takers said their primary reason was to qualify for further education. GED certificate holders can also expect to earn about \$2,000 more per year than adults who never return to complete the requirements for a high school diploma.
21. Is the GED accepted at colleges and universities?
Yes. Approximately 90% of colleges and universities admit GED graduates who meet their other qualifications.
22. Do employers accept the GED certificate as equivalent to a traditional high school diploma? Yes. More than 95% of employers do.



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